Fact Finding Committee to investigate unauthorised courses followed in colleges of Delhi University

2508. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi University had appointed a Fact Finding Committee to look into the unauthorised courses being followed in the colleges of the Delhi University;

(b) if so, who were the members of the Committee;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted the report to the Delhi University;

(d) what are the conclusions of the Committee; and

(e) what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken to check these unauthorised courses in the colleges under Delhi University and what action has been taken against the Principals of the colleges who were actively involved in issuing certificates?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The members of the Fact Finding Committee appointed by Vice-Chancellor, Delhi University in investigate into the unauthorised courses conducted in Delhi colleges were:

(i) Prof. P. K. Ghosh, Professor of Commerce, University of Delhi.

(ii) Shri G. N. Pathak, Treasurer, University of Delhi.

(iii) Prof. L. S. Kothari, Professor of Physics, University of Delhi.

(iv) Prof. I. P. Singh, Professor of Anthropology and Proctor, University of Delhi.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Committee has confirmed that some colleges had conducted the following unapproved courses:—

(i) Computer Science Course;

(ii) some courses on Adult, Continuing and Extension Education for students and members of the public in the neighbourhood of the respected colleges.

(iii) one college conducted coaching classes for IAS etc. examinations and entrance examination for professional courses.

The Colleges charged fees for conducting these courses which varied from course to course depending upon the duration and nature of the course.

The main objective of conducting these courses was to cover the deficit which was to be met by the Trusts of these Colleges.

The Colleges maintained separate accounts of the income and expenditure on the conduct of these courses which were also got audited.

(e) The report of the Fact Finding Committee was considered by the Academic Council of the University which has directed the Vice-Chancellor to study the data collected by the Committee and then decide about further course of action in the matter.

Harmful effects of soft cola drinks

2509. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the analysis of scientific data on